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Stara Zagora Power Projects - 5 November 1952 to 9 May 1953

1. [redacted] construction of a tunnel located about one kilometer northwest of Stara Zagora near an ammunition depot at N 42-26, E 25-37. The tunnel resembled a railroad tunnel and was four meters wide, four meters high, and 820 meters long. It was to be a link in a chain of underground passages through which water from the Georgi Dimitrov dam would service the Stara Zagora hydroelectric station.
2. The buildings of the hydroelectric station were located on the southeast side of the Stara Zagora-Chirpan road at a point situated approximately 150-200 meters southwest of the Stara Zagora artillery barracks.
3. Work was carried on at the tunnel project in three shifts. Forty workers labored on the shaft and 20 loaded and unloaded the rock from small cars that moved in and out of the tunnel. There were about 10-15 cars, each with a capacity of 70 cubic

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centimeters; they were moved by a belt powered by a diesel engine. Upon completion of the tunnel, the walls were to be finished in concrete. [redacted] the number of tunnels in the system, [redacted] their total length would be approximately 12 kilometers. It was rumored by workers and technicians that the power station would begin operating on 1 May 1954.

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4. At the end of May 1953, 300 workers at the canalization project near the Stara Zagora power station went on a three day strike. Hours had been inaccurately recorded and type of work had not been taken into consideration in computing the workers' wages. To cope with the situation a committee of the Stara Zagora Communist Party spent three days studying the workers' grievances. At the end of the period all were promised that more accurate computations would be made in the future.
5. In September 1953 another strike of the same duration was held for similar reasons and resulted in the arrest, by the State Security, of several technicians among whom was one Velikopolski (fnu), a refugee from the Soviet Union. Upon assurances from the authorities that those guilty would be punished, the workers agreed to go back to their jobs.

Correction of the Stara Zagora-Kazanluk Road - September-October 1952

6. [redacted] 25X1

Near the village of Zmevo a stretch of road one kilometer in length was constructed for the purpose of eliminating a number of curves on the old road. The new section was constructed of brownstone gravel and was seven meters wide. At the outer edge, on both sides of this area, was constructed a drainage system 50 centimeters wide and 40 centimeters deep.

7. A group of 200 workers, including technical personnel, were engaged on the project. The technical foreman was one Gedikev (fnu), [redacted] A 15 ton steam roller was used on the project; the new section of the road was completed in the winter of 1952. 25X1

8. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] new stretch of road an iron bridge 20 meters long which had been constructed to correct a particularly sharp curve on the road. The old structure was still standing near the new bridge. 25X1

State Hospital at Pazardzhik - June 1951

9. The State Hospital at Pazardzhik is located in the eastern section of the town on the left bank of the Maritsa River. It is a 2-story building and has sections for surgery, tuberculosis, infectious diseases, a maternity ward, a childrens' section, and a section for internal diseases. [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] section had eight rooms with a total of approximately 60 beds; each of the eight rooms was serviced by a maid. The food was bad and insufficient. Patients received additional food from their families. Antibiotics were scarce; [redacted] 25X1  
[redacted] the Ministry of Health restricted their use to extreme cases. 25X1  
The hospital was overcrowded and many people were refused entrance. Visitors were allowed by special permission only.

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